

# **State of Utah**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES Division of Oil, Gas & Mining

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# **Inspection Report**

Supervisor Dark

## Minerals Regulatory Program October 30, 2007

Mine Name:	Levan Chicken Creek
Operator Na	me: Sunroc Corp

Permit number: M230016 Inspection Date: 10/12/2007

Time: 1:45-2:45P

Inspector(s): Tom Munson

Other Participants: Beth Ericksen

Mine Status: Active

Weather: Sunny

Elements of Inspection Ev	aluated	Comment	Enforcement	
1. Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds	$\boxtimes$			
2. Public Safety (shafts, adits, trash, signs, highwalls)		$\boxtimes$		
3. Protection of Drainages / Erosion Control				
4. Deleterious Material				
5. Roads (maintenance, surfacing, dust control, safety)				
6. Concurrent Reclamation				
<ol> <li>Backfilling/Grading (trenches, pits, roads, highwalls, shafts, drill holes)</li> </ol>				
8. Water Impoundments				
9. Soils				
10. Revegetation				
11. Air Quality				
12. Other				

#### **Purpose of Inspection:**

To introduce Beth to the disturbance and mining at the site. The Division is in the middle of a large mine review addressing expansion of the East and West quarry.

#### **Inspection Summary:**

There was no activity on the Levan West site, but there was active mining occurring at the Levan East site. We met the onsite supervisor Rod Dolph 804-592-0807on the upper quarry of the West Pit. There has been a landside in that quarry that needs to be removed and cleaned up so mining can continue at this pit. The landside visually appears unstable and an engineering study may need to be completed along with a geologic evaluation before this area can be safely mined.

We continued on to the East Pit. It is being expanded to meet the BLM property boundary to the North. The slopes are extremely steep and the highwall is considerable. All stockpiled material at the East site could not be removed as the road accessing the site was not adequate to haul stockpiled material from the site. A bench above the highwall was being developed across the entire highwall East to West.

There was discussion about the plan submittal with Mr. Dolph. It was explained to him that the review is forthcoming and it will address issues and concerns at the mine.

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#### **Conclusions and Recommendations:**

The large mine permit needs to be looked at from an engineering and stability standpoint given the steepness of the terrain and the existing landslide. The current activity on the East side appears as though there may be worker safety compromise and MSHA has been notified. The Division has recently completed the review of the Chicken Creek submittal and has extensive comments.

Inspector's Signature Thoras Mun Date: 11/16

### **Directions to Site:**

The site is located in the South Fork of Chicken Creek.

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Operator cc:

US Forest Service, Tom Shore, Sanpete Ranger District, 540 North Main, Ephraim, UT 84627

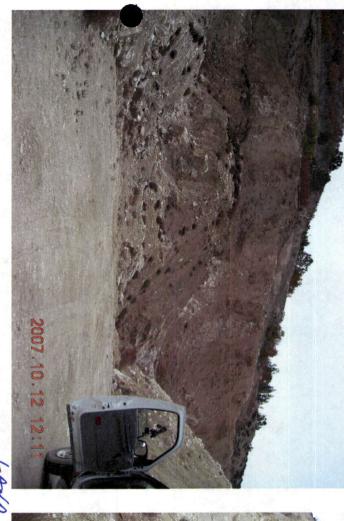
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